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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### European Army

ONE question which President Eisenhower may put to Britain through his Secretary of State in the near future is whether she is prepared to go beyond her guarantee of "automatic military assistance" and "the closest possible association" with the European Defence Community. In other words whether Britain is willing to give the lead to the rest of Western Europe by joining the proposed European Army. It has been argued that active British participation in the European Army at this time would act as an injection of good red blood into the anemic veins of Europe. Moreover, Britain's inclusion would help to satisfy the doubts of the Germans, and it would do much to counterbalance their influence. Manifestly it would be undesirable for all the nation's military forces to be included, but the countries of Europe are so obviously anxious for Britain to go into the scheme that they would be prepared to accept almost any reservation which she might care to make. And the European Army, though by no means ideal in its structure, still offers the best method by which Germany can contribute to Western defence without her becoming a danger to the rest of Europe.

TO many the idea of British forces serving under a "supra-national authority" is thoroughly objectionable; moreover the organisation of overall political control would be no easy matter. Much would depend on the Chief of Staff who, as the head military authority, would be responsible for producing an efficient military machine for General Ridgway to use. On the face of things this key military appointment should go to a Frenchman, but there does not seem to be a French general other than Marshal Juin who has the necessary experience. And, as competent critics have emphasised, Juin is essentially a battle commander rather than a staff officer and should preferably remain in his present position as commander of the NATO ground forces in the vital European theatre.

IF, therefore, no Frenchman of sufficient calibre were available, the most obvious choice would be Field Marshal Montgomery who, now that General Ridgway is firmly in the saddle, could probably be released from his present appointment of deputy commander. Montgomery is a man of world-wide reputation and immense experience, who knows his way about the intricate paths of Western defence better than most, for he has been treading them ever since the start of Western Union. Experience, it is universally recognised, is one of Britain's most important exports in the military field; and it is precisely this quality which, through no fault of their own, her Allies so badly lack. Europe has looked before to Britain for a lead and there are growing signs she is looking again. This fact alone may well prompt the new American administration to urge Britain to take a more active part in making the dream of a European Army a reality.

## The Ill-Fated UN Attack On T-Bone Hill

# General Collins To Give Congress The Full Story

## CRITICISM RESENTED

Washington, Jan. 29. Chairman Dewey Short of the House Armed Services Committee promised today that General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, will give Congress the full story of Sunday's ill-fated United Nations T-Bone attack in Korea.

Other House members had questioned whether the attack—in which United Nations infantry troops were driven back by Communist forces who were presumed to have been clobbered by artillery and aerial attacks—was staged for military reasons or as a "show" for visiting officers and newspapermen.

Republican Representative Clare Hoffman introduced a privileged "resolution of inquiry" calling on the Defence Department for all facts in the case. Republican Rep. William Bray, in a letter to Defence Secretary Charles Wilson, demanded an explanation.

### Japs Arrest American

Yokohama, Jan. 30. Police here said today that they had arrested a 24-year-old United States businessman on a charge of smuggling long playing gramophone records into Japan by Army post.

They said the American, Edmund John Zdranda, was charged with bringing 120,000,000 yen (about £120,000) worth of records into Japan without paying duty. They alleged that he had conspired with an American soldier to ship 400 records a week from New York to Japan through the Army post.—Reuter.

### Hospital Attendants Strike

Singapore, Jan. 30. Four hundred and forty-seven attendants in Singapore's Mental Hospital went on strike this morning after a prolonged dispute on wage and other working conditions.

Of the 1,758 patients, 100 are criminal lunatics. Arrangements have been made for wardens from the Prison Department to supervise them.

Only three volunteers responded to an appeal for help from the public.

Meanwhile, more than 200 Singapore firemen were considering staging a sit-down strike because three colleagues were fired and new working hours were being introduced.

The Fire Brigade employees' Union appealed to the President of the City Council and the decision to strike or not depends upon its reply. In the event of a strike, the firemen will answer fire accident calls but do nothing else.—United Press.

### Another Small Fire On The Queen Elizabeth

Southampton, Jan. 29. A heap of cotton waste rag was found burning today in the world's biggest liner, the Queen Elizabeth, while detectives seeking signs of sabotage probed a blaze which last night destroyed one of the ship's staterooms.

The burning rags caused only slight scorching to the deck where they were found and a Cunard official said: "It was quite accidental. Workmen are always dropping bits of rag about."

But workmen were questioned and a special guard was detailed to keep an anti-sabotage watch tonight on the 63,073-ton ship—pride of Britain's Atlantic fleet—as she lay in dry dock for her annual overhaul.

Top detectives from Scotland Yard spent three-and-a-half hours today investigating a fire which damaged cabin number 13 last night, less than three days after a disastrous blaze had gutted the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Canada, at Liverpool.—Reuter.

Chairman Short told the House that early today the Armed Services Committee clerk, Robert Smart, on his orders, called on General John H. Hill, vice-Chief of Staff of the Army, for a full report on the incident.

Rep. Short said that Gen. Hill subsequently called Gen. Collins, who is in Korea, twice by telephone. Gen. Hill reported that Gen. Collins is on his return to Washington on Saturday and will be prepared to report on what happened.

Chairman Short told newsmen he may have Gen. Collins "come before the committee next Monday or Tuesday." He indicated he does not subscribe to doubts expressed by Rep. Hoffman and Rep. Bray. "It is inconceivable to me that military leaders there would uselessly sacrifice a single human life," he told the House.

### VISIT RECALLED

As for complaints that newspapermen and high officers were invited to watch the ill-fated attack, Rep. Short said he and other members of Congress in Korea last Autumn were also invited to watch operations in progress. "In a way you could say they ran a show for Congressmen," he said. "They took us up close and put each one of us in a helicopter and we were right up on the line. We could see our infantry in the valley below us and our artillery was two or three miles behind us. That was not a stage show. It was an actual operation. I think this (T-bone hill incident) was an actual operation too."

Rep. Hoffman told the House in introducing his resolution that an "impression has been received by many folks that the lives of our men were needlessly sacrificed by what might be called a show." He said his resolution was aimed at getting facts.

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (Republican) told the House that people in the rear district were shocked at reports of the disastrous assault. She too called for an explanation. The Army said Gen. Collins will hold a news conference when he arrives at the National airport on Saturday.—United Press.

### THREE FATALITIES

The abortive attack on T-bone Hill on Sunday, which some US Congressmen suggested might have been staged as a "show" for visiting Generals resulted in three Allied fatalities, a division spokesman said today.

Previously, Sir Bernard had said he would appeal to the shareholders, but today he summoned reporters to his flat in Mayfair, London's fashionable quarter, and told them: "I am still fighting but I cannot fight on two fronts at once."

He said he must concentrate on "taking care of myself." In view of a persistent report that "some currency offence" charge was to be brought against him by the Treasury, he gave no details of the offence alleged.

British travellers abroad are allowed foreign exchange amounting to only £25 a year.—Reuter.

### Destructive Blaze

Bologna, Jan. 28. Fire destroyed several hundred tons of hemp stored in three warehouses near here. Damage was estimated at 600 million lire (£240,000).—Reuter.

## Eisenhower's Big Moment



## "Whodunit" Story Leads To Woman's Detention

Clovis, New Mexico, Jan. 29

A woman was held here today for the slaying of her baby after detectives had followed up a murder story she had written and found the skeleton of a newborn infant buried beneath a garage.

Sheriff Val Baumgart said that second degree murder charges would be filed against Mrs. Christina Sturm, 27, who wrote the story of the slaying as an unsolved mystery for entry in a detective fiction contest.

Baumgart said that Mrs. Sturm was arrested on Wednesday after officers had read the manuscript and hastened to the garage where they found the skeleton wrapped in brown paper and buried about eight inches beneath the dirt floor.

The Sheriff said that Mrs. Sturm's former husband from whom she had divorced three weeks ago told him of the manuscript and "put us on the trail." Baumgart estimated that the infant had been buried six years. He said that Mrs. Sturm wrote the story of its death about a year ago.

### "PRETTY GOOD STORY"

"The crime probably would never have been discovered if she hadn't solved it for us in her unsolved mystery story," the Sheriff said. "It was an unsolved crime the way she wrote it and it would have remained really an unsolved crime if it hadn't been written. It was pretty good story for an amateur writer. It might have won the contest. If we hadn't got our hands on it first."

The Sheriff said that the divorced husband "had no suspicion himself until he had read the story."

Baumgart said that the story was unsigned and was written in the first person.

Local names were used for other characters," he said. "She didn't say how the baby came to die but described all the details of how it was buried." Baumgart charges were filed against Mrs. Sturm but later they were withdrawn in favour of the more serious charge of second degree murder, alleging that the woman had caused the death of the infant by "abandonment."—United Press.

## FEDERATION PLAN

### African Territories At Stake

London, Jan. 29.

British Colonial envoys today completed work on a blueprint for welding three British African territories—Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland—into a solid bloc of 6,400,000 Africans, 200,000 Europeans and 14,500 Asians.

They wound up a month-old conference on the federation scheme by signing an agreed report embodying the proposals which will be published simultaneously in the four countries concerned before the end of next week.

It will first be the subject of a referendum in Southern Rhodesia, where many of the 150,000 white settlers are opposed to the scheme, which they regard as the first step towards African self-government.

The scheme also has to go through the legislatures in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and finally, if it surmounts the obstacles in the African territories, through the British Parliament.

The scheme may reshape the map of Africa by lumping 500,000 square miles of vastly rich country into a great federation between the Belgian Congo and the Union of South Africa.

It is regarded by both black and white as the acid test of the British policy in Africa.

Details of the decision reached during the conference here of British government representatives and delegates from the three African territories are still secret.

The blueprint report was signed by Lord Swinfen, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Gilbert Renelle, Governor of Northern Rhodesia, and Sir Godfrey Colby, Governor of Nyasaland.

In Southern Rhodesia, where the scheme faces the first big test, the voters are predominantly white settlers. And many of them are proud of having been a self-governing colony since 1923 and are chary of uniting with the two Protectorates in the populous "Black North," though an element of control from London continues there after federation.

African chiefs from Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland maintain that the great majority of voiceless Africans in the territories are also opposed to federation.

They see in it the doom of their hopes of self-government and fear that the two Protectorates will come under the domination of the strong settler-run state.

British political parties are also divided on the scheme, Labour maintaining that it is dangerous to push through the federation in the face of African opposition.—Reuter.

## Arms Scandal Trial Soon

Cairo, Jan. 29.

Twelve former senior Army and Navy officers and civil servants are to be brought to trial in connection with the Palestine arms scandal, an official source said here tonight.

The charges arise out of the alleged supply of faulty equipment to Egyptian troops during the 1948 Palestine war.

Prince Abbas Halim, a second cousin of ex-king Farouk, who appeared in court yesterday, is accused of having squandered \$397,440 (about £153,000) which he received from state funds as agent of a Swiss firm.

Prince Abbas Halim was first connected with the allegations that useless weapons were bought for the Army in September, 1948, when police searched his house in Cairo and Alexandria and questioned him for eight hours.

Ex-king Farouk has also been linked with the "scandal" which some Egyptian officers and troops blamed for their defeat in the Palestine war.—Reuter.

### European Unity

### Germany

### "Must Be A Partner"

Paris, Jan. 29.

The French Government declared tonight that further steps towards European integration were impossible without treating Germany as a partner.

The statement, approved by the whole Cabinet, was issued as the Government tabled a bill to ratify the European Army Treaty and the contractual agreements with the Bonn Republic. Committee have now to examine the texts and Parliament is not expected to decide on ratification for at least three months.

Europe must pool its economic and military resources to meet the Soviet threat, the statement said.

"Only units organised in the scale of a continent can henceforth survive."

At the same time, "however disappointing for the present attitude, it is essential that the door be left open for resumption of negotiations with the Soviet Union."

Referring to the treaty of reciprocal assistance signed between Britain and the European Defence Community last May, the French said it was "done the less resolved to pursue its efforts either to obtain full British participation or an intimate association with the EDC."

### PRIME OBJECTIVE

It is impossible to make any further progress towards European integration without normalising the relations between the Allies and Germany and without a political scheme in which the Federal Republic would no longer be treated as a defeated and occupied country but as a partner.

"The prime objective of Allied strategy, which is to defend Europe as far as the Far East as possible, would eventually prove impossible without the contribution of the (Contd. on back page, col. 4.)"

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## Tito Becomes President



Marshal Tito applauds after taking the oath of office before the Yugoslav Parliament to become the first President of his country. The post was created as a result of constitutional changes and Tito was elected by 568 votes to one. — Express Photo.

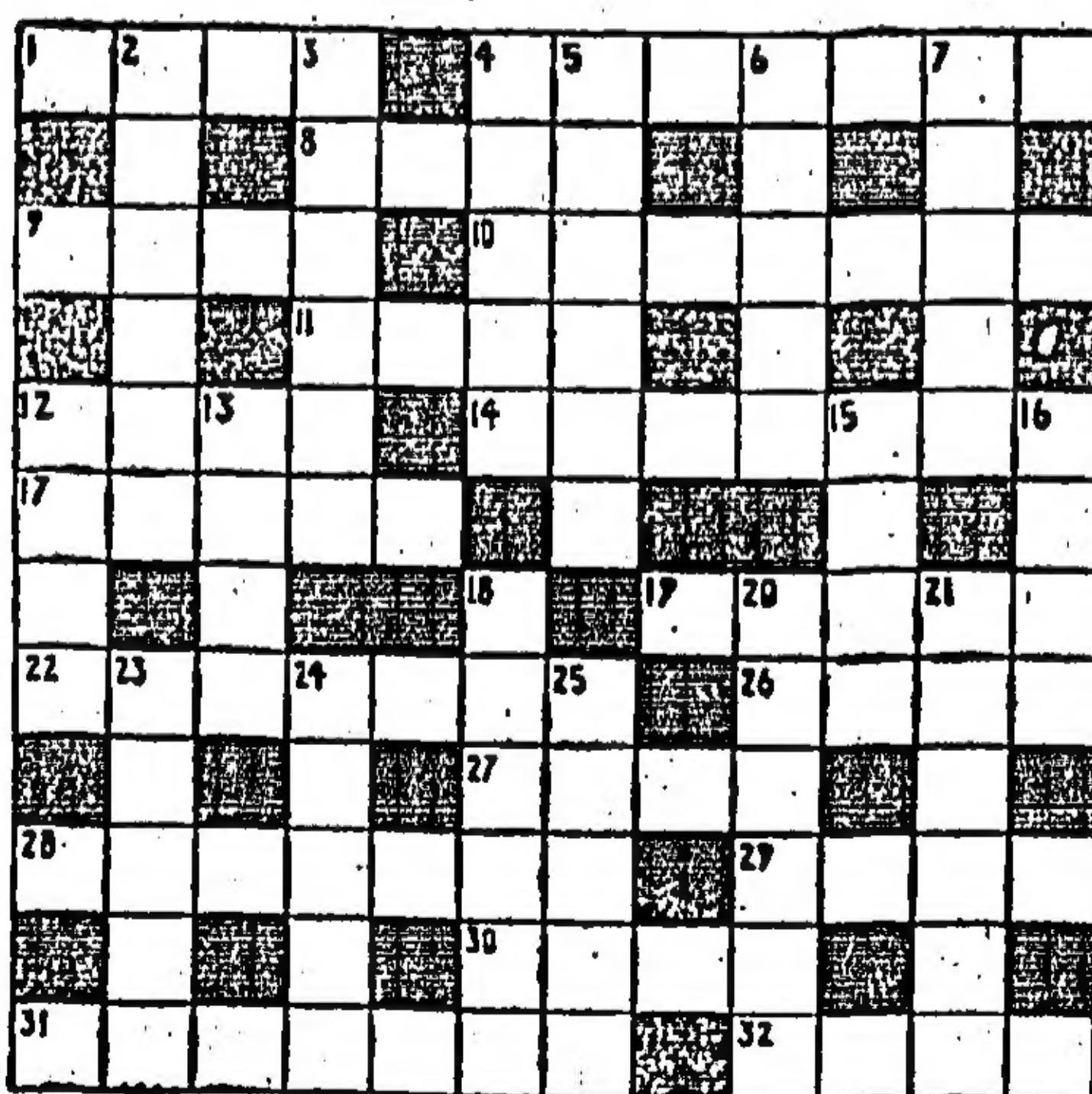
## Cairo Changes Its Tune

Cairo, Jan. 29. The Egyptian Government, faced with serious difficulties due to unsold cotton stocks, tonight announced conditions for the export of this commodity and other products.

It authorized the export of cotton, and other Egyptian products which may be freely exported, to the Sterling Area against payment of half the price in Sterling, and the other half either in Egyptian currency on an export account or in barter goods.

A Finance Ministry announcement said: "This is a departure from the decision already taken by the Ministry, namely, to allow the export of cotton, and other Egyptian products which may be freely exported, against payment of half the price in dollars and the other half in Egyptian pounds on an export account." — Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Error.                 | 2 Jitter.                     |
| 3 Layer.                 | 3 Examined.                   |
| 4 Opulent.               | 4 Flight.                     |
| 5 Emblem of saintliness. | 5 School or college exercise. |
| 6 Indemnities.           | 6 On high.                    |
| 7 Prejudice.             | 7 Superior.                   |
| 8 Measure out.           | 8 Fitting.                    |
| 9 Destiny.               | 9 Journey.                    |
| 10 Eat away.             | 10 Leaden.                    |
| 11 Shell.                | 10 Sward.                     |
| 12 Torture.              | 10 Really.                    |
| 13 Aggravated.           | 20 Attempts.                  |
| 14 Lair.                 | 21 Blind.                     |
| 15 Church.               | 23 Constellation.             |
| 16 Shivering fit.        | 24 Niggard.                   |
| 17 Dilemma.              | 25 Concise.                   |
| 18 Thrust oneself in.    |                               |
| 19 Sinner.               |                               |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1 Ghosts, 5 Doubt, 8 Refers, 9 Ordinal, 10 Final, 11 Mavis, 12 Leap, 13 Codes, 16 Dominia, 18 Carrot, 20 Giebs, 22 Vica, 23 Ralls, 25 Broad, 26 Depend, 27 Defer, 28 Giebs, 29 Degree. Down: 1 Growing, 2 Ordained, 3 Trim, 4 Scholar, 5 Deficit, 6 Orison, 7 Bruck, 14 Dominica, 15 Straddle, 16 Dressed, 17 Moulded, 19 Abrade, 21 Lurch, 24 Sure.

## Austerity Conditions In Britain Disappearing

London, Jan. 29.

Little by little, the things that go to make living a bit more pleasant are coming back to this island.

Bananas, new cars, white bread, nylons, sweets—something every week or so, but so gradually that it is hardly noticed, and the people are almost unaware that the maze of restrictions and the austerities that have endured since war-time are slowly disappearing.

The Conservative Government of Mr. Winston Churchill can take part, though certainly not all, of the credit.

So insured are we to austerity that the Socialists actually raised a howl when it was announced that eggs would go off the ration this Spring. But they found little public response to the arguments that eggs would cost more, for the unanswerable reply was that at least there would be eggs.

Coronation Year is partly responsible for the improvement, for the British naturally want to put their best foot forward for the hundreds of thousands of foreigners who will be here for the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II.

All of these relaxations are not altogether a healthy sign, however.

For example, Australia so slashed her import of British-made cars that motorists who thought last Summer that they would have to wait three years or so for a new car now find

the home market changing to a buyer's one.

The up-off came with the removal of the covenant forbidding the re-sale of a new car for two years. It had been imposed to counter the sharp operators who knew the used car price of a car driven 10 miles was higher than the showroom quotation. Now that safeguard is no longer necessary.

From February 1 motorists, for the first time since the war years, will be able to fill their tanks with the brand of petrol they prefer. Hitherto, all petrol has been pooled and every filling station sold the same mixture, no matter what the signpost said.

It has also been announced that the loaf of white bread, unavailable since the first war years, will shortly be back on shelves. For 10 years, Britons have had only a dark flour bread. It was nourishing, but it was not delicious.

Tea went off the ration shortly after Christmas, bananas about the same time. Sweets are expected to be made ration-free before June. Scotch whisky production for the home market is up slightly.

## NOT ALL SWEETNESS

But no one should get the idea that all is now sweetness and light for the British family. A meat ration for a week is 1/4d. per person, with no sign of any radical change. Cigarettes cost 3/6d. a pack.

The Briton on holiday can take only £25 out of the country. That does not make for very gay times in the night-spots of Paris or the ski resorts of Switzerland and, of course, makes an American trip impossible.

The coal ration is so small that many Americans here—who do not agree that chilly houses are healthy—can cut out of fuel between Thanksgiving and Christmas and are now tucking Yankee ingenuity to the utmost to keep warm until Spring. — United Press.

## GANDHI MEMORIAL PILLARS

New Delhi, Jan. 30.

More than 100 inscribed memorial pillars are to be erected throughout India in places associated with Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated by a Hindu fanatic at a prayer meeting five years ago today.

But the pillars will be only a small part of the tributes planned by the Gandhi Memorial Fund, built up by the rupees of the rich and the annas of the poor to more than ten crores of rupees (£7,500,000).

Five years after being shot, Mahatma Gandhi is already a legendary figure, whose moral and political influence runs deep not only in India but also throughout the world.

Garlanded portraits of the Mahatma decorate every public hall in the country and preside over every Congress meeting.

Four museums are to be built by the Memorial Fund to contain the relics of the Mahatma, who revolutionized and led India to freedom through non-violence. — Reuter.

## RED TURNS TO THE CHURCH

Rome, Jan. 29.

Rome's Independent newspaper Messaggero reported today that Aldo Togliatti, son of the Italian Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, has made a complete break with his father's political ideology and is approaching the Catholic Church.

The Rome newspaper said the youth was reported to have contacted Maurolio Cardinal Fossati, Archbishop of Turin. — Associated Press.

## Talks On European Transport Pool

Paris, Jan. 29.

Transport Ministers from eight European countries met in Paris today to take the first tentative steps toward unifying their transport systems.

The French Transport Minister, Andre Morice, last December invited 11 countries to meet in an effort to set up a European transport pool—something like the already-operating Schuman coal-steel pool.

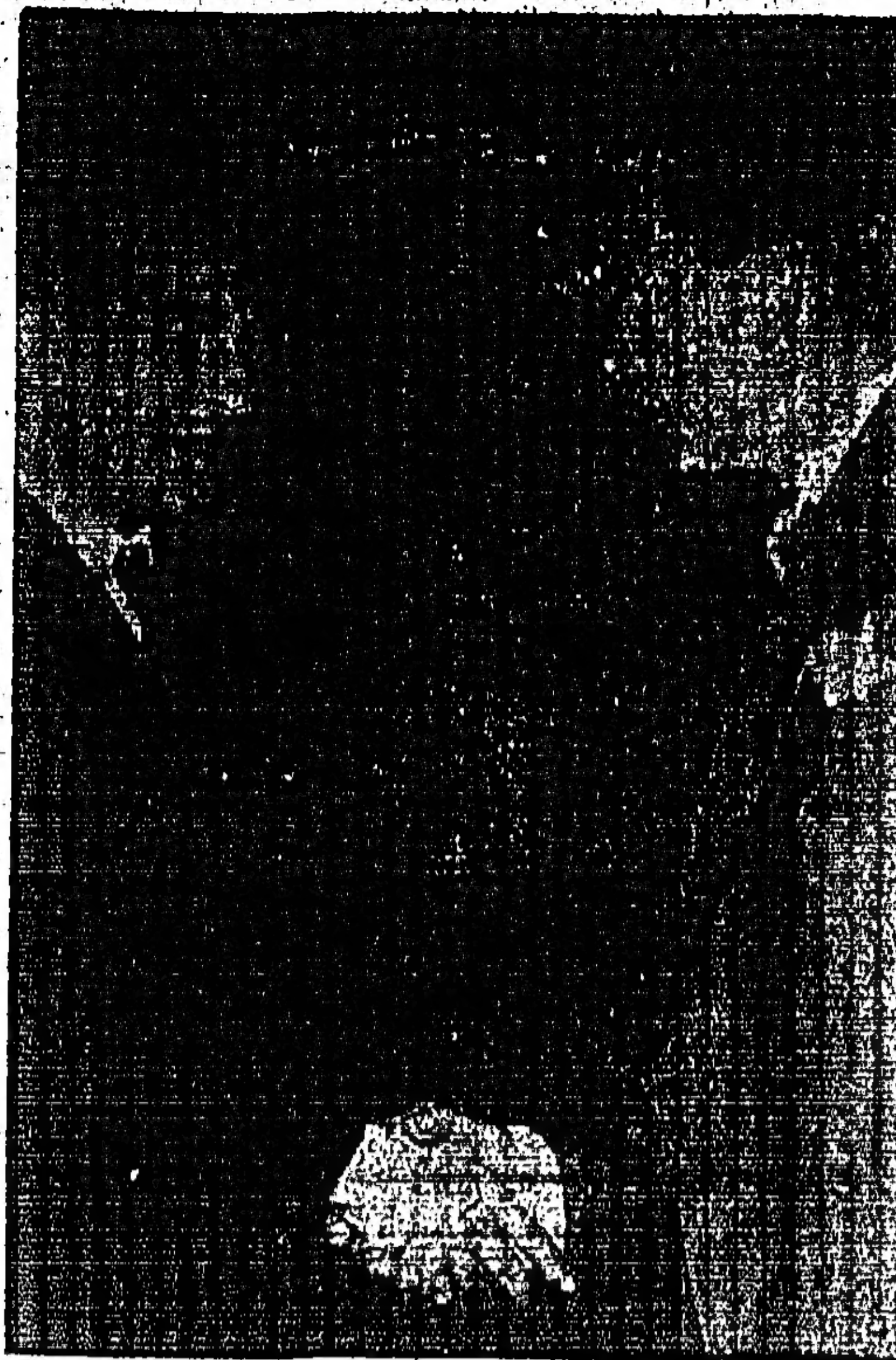
Britain, Spain and Portugal—all at extremes of Europe's transport systems—declined.

Those represented today are France, Italy, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Among the measures the three-day conference in the French Foreign Ministry will study are:

- 1—A plan to extend the present arrangements for pooling freight cars at all member countries.
- 2—Standardization of railroad equipment.
- 3—Unification, where possible, of railroad tariffs.
- 4—Co-ordination of trunk highways and canals used for international traffic.

## Anglo-Egyptian Talks



Sir Ralph Stevenson, Britain's Ambassador to Egypt, calls on Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, and hands to him a new draft agreement for a settlement of the Sudan problem. — Express Photo.

## Coronation Hotel Charges Queried

London, Jan. 29.

The Government today replied to suggestions that the record number of tourists expected here for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth might get fleeced by hotels.

Brigadier Mackeson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, refused, under Labourite questioning, to make public what rates will be asked during Coronation Week.

But he admitted he was wrong when he said last month that no hotel would increase its prices more than 50 per cent.

## A Look Into The Future

Washington, Jan. 29.

Lt. General James Doolittle quoted military sources today as saying that America eventually would produce rocket engines with a 500,000-pound thrust developing speeds approaching 20,000 miles an hour.

General Doolittle, who led the first air raid on Tokyo in the last war, made this statement in an article written for "Planes", magazine of the Aircraft Industries Association.

He also said future jet fighter planes would fly faster than 4,000 miles an hour and that jet passenger planes to link New York and Los Angeles (an air distance of 2,458 miles) in four hours were being designed by the United States aircraft industry. — Reuter.

## B.O.A.C. PLANS FOR AFRICA

London, Jan. 29.

Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of British Overseas Airways, today forecast a more intensive use of air services for the whole of the African continent.

Comet jets airliner services are to be increased and speeded up on his return from a visit to Johannesburg.

Tourist services, about 25 per cent cheaper than present rates, are to be operated in conjunction with South African Airways later this year.

Sir Miles flew into London Airport in a Comet from a 12,000-mile business trip to Central and South Africa. — Reuter.

## Promise Made To Israel

Bonn, Jan. 29.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, has promised that his Government would pay the first \$47,000,000 instalment of German-Israel reparations within the next two months.

At the same time, the 77-year-old Christian Democrat announced that the pact would be submitted to Parliament for ratification later this week despite Arab threats of an economic boycott against Germany if the \$822,000,000 agreement becomes effective.

German Government spokesmen disclosed that Dr. Adenauer made these promises to Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the Jewish World Congress, when the latter met with the Chancellor two days ago.

Dr. Adenauer told correspondents yesterday that he had assured Dr. Goldman that the Israel Government need not worry about Germany fulfilling its promises. — United Press.

## BALKAN PACT NEGOTIATIONS MAKE PROGRESS

Athens, Jan. 29.

Speaking at a Press conference today the Turkish Foreign Minister, Fuad Koprulu, underlined the importance of his talks with the Yugoslavs in Belgrade.

The Yugoslavs, he said, see present and future events and necessities with remarkable clarity and realism.

Like Greece and Turkey, the Yugoslavs see in friendly contacts between these countries a "happy event which in our interest and the interest of peace every one of the three countries must develop," he said.

Referring to his talks with the Greeks in Athens, M. Koprulu said, "We have decided to continue our conversations with Yugoslavia with a view to reaching more concrete results. This is a work of peace and reinforcement of security in the interests of all free countries open to the same danger."

M. Koprulu declined to answer questions such as how soon he expected the tripartite pact now being negotiated between the three countries will be signed or anything about its contents.

Asked whether Italy might oppose signature of the pact when it is submitted to the NATO Council for ratification, M. Koprulu said, "You are putting me in an embarrassing position."

He however, expressed the hope that no pact aiming at collective security would find any opposition on the part of anyone.

Asked whether Italy would join the pact, M. Koprulu said the pact, aimed at security, will be joined by as many countries as possible.

M. Koprulu disclosed that he had invited the Greek Foreign Minister, Stephanos Stephanopoulos, to visit Ankara but no date had been set yet.

He concluded by expressing the firm conviction that the pact will eventually be signed but could not say how soon. — Associated Press.

## Amnesty For War Criminals?

Tokyo, Jan. 30.

A senior official of the Japanese Supreme Prosecutor's Office said today that he believed France would grant a general amnesty to Japanese war criminals still in their custody in the near future.

The official, Deputy Chief Prosecutor Yoshinobu Kishimoto, who has just returned from the International Criminal Law and Prison Conference in Europe, said that he had talked to law officials of Britain, France and the Netherlands regarding early release of Japanese war criminals held by them.

Mr. Kishimoto said he had learned from French officials that France would soon grant an amnesty to Japanese war criminals. Two amnesties have already been granted — on Bastille Day in 1950 and 1951.

Mr. Kishimoto said that he had discovered through negotiation with the Netherlands Foreign Office that neither Japan nor the Netherlands possessed copies of the court sentences, the only material on which releases can be based.

Both Japan and the Netherlands had taken steps to get copies from the Indonesian Government.

Mr. Kishimoto said the chairman of the British War Criminals Release Committee had told him: "I fully understand the feeling of the Japanese people, but I would like the Japanese people to understand the sentiment of the many people here in Britain who suffered at the hands of the Japanese army."

Mr. Kishimoto said the Dutch seemed to be of the same opinion. — Reuter.

## 'Wanted' Man In Bonn?

Bonn, Jan. 29.

Franz Rademacher, German war criminal believed to have escaped abroad after being convicted of responsibility in the wartime killing of 1,300 Serbian Jews in Yugoslavia, is now suspected of being in Bonn, the West German capital.

A woman friend of Rademacher was detained recently for a time on suspicion that she aided his flight. He was thought to have gone either to South America or East Germany.

Rademacher, former official in the Nazi Foreign Ministry, was sentenced to three years and five months imprisonment by a German court in Nuremberg last March.

He appealed against the sentence and was released from arrest in August. The release was later rescinded at the request of the prosecution, but Rademacher had by then disappeared. — Reuter.

## Goering Land Forfeit

Vienna, Jan. 29.

The property in Austria of late Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, former Nazi leader, has been declared forfeit to the State under the War Criminals Law by a Linz Court.

The property, valued at about 300,000 schillings (about £5,000), consists of Mallendorf Castle in Salzburg province, which was left to Goering during the war under the will of its owner, Elizabeth Sponstein. Her heirs are contesting the validity of the will. — Reuter.



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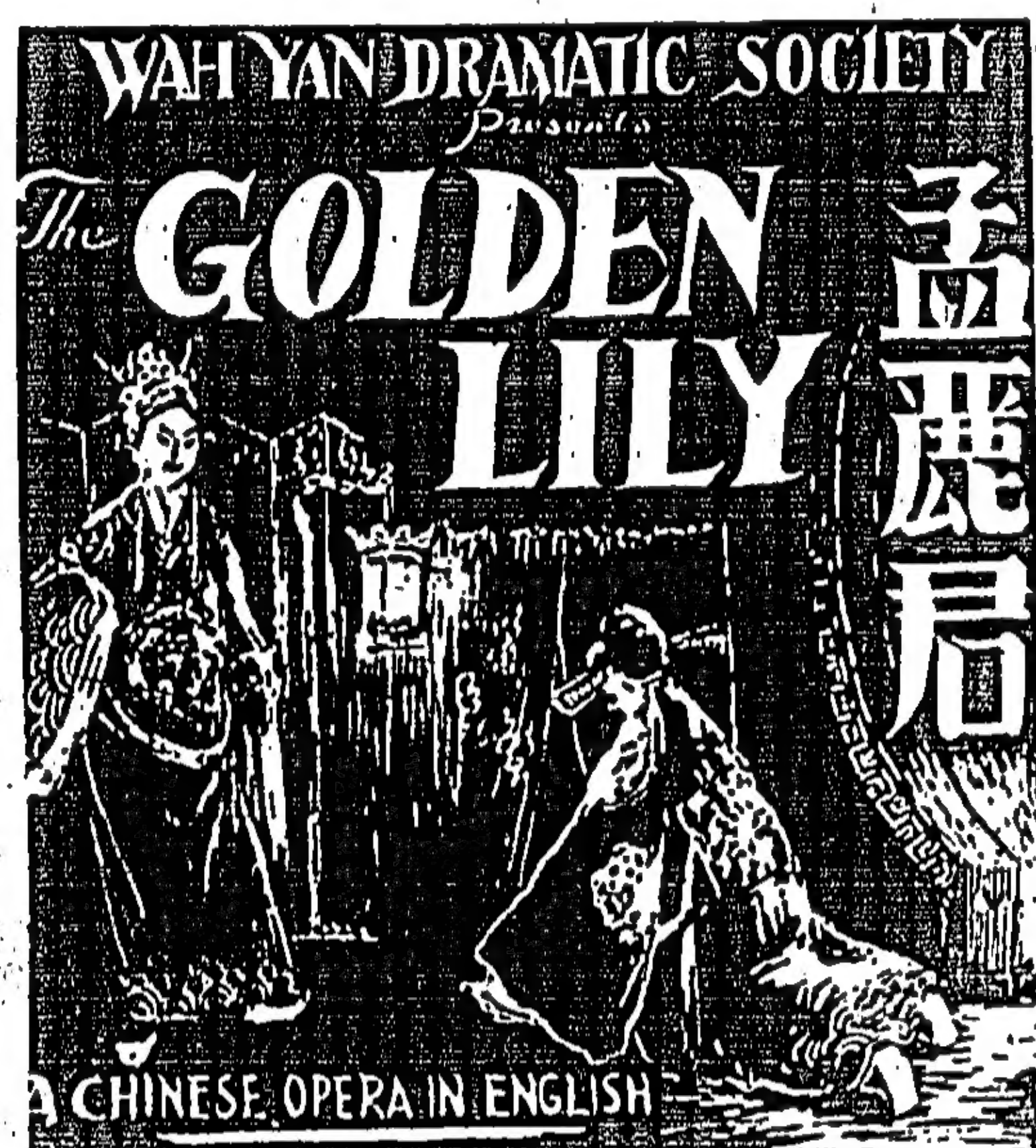


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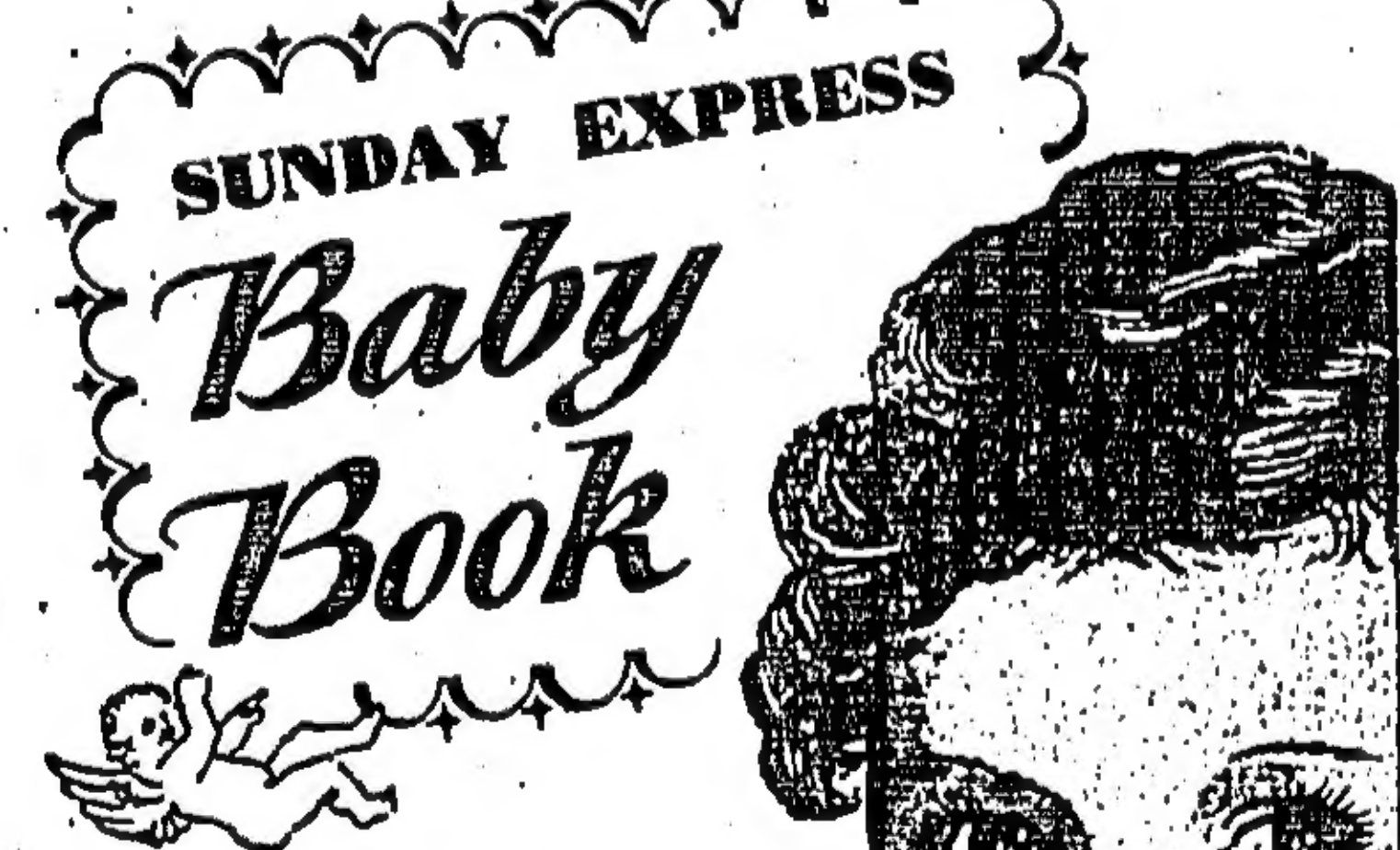
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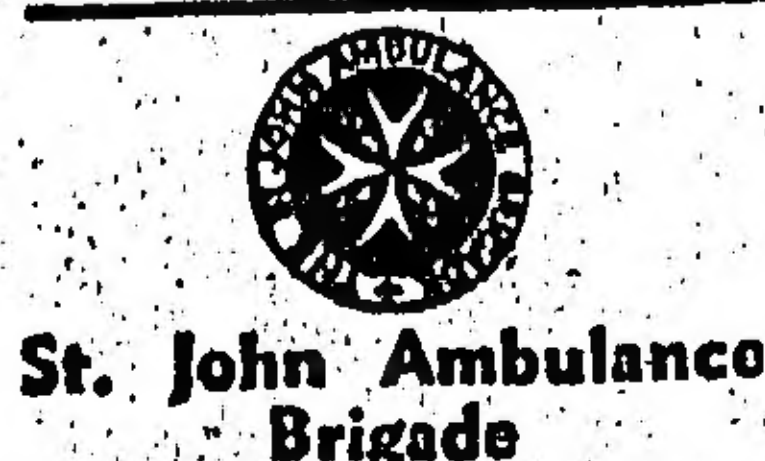
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ON THE TRAIL OF THE STURGEON  
"Thank you, no—we've had fish once this week."

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**R.M. MacColl's**

**NEW Column**

## I'm Back Home—And What Do I Find!



WHILE they are busy with plans to keep undesirable out of the West End during Coronation time, somebody, on a much higher level, ought to overhaul the system of deciding just who should get presented to members of the Royal Family.

There are now so many opportunities at the various "gala premieres" which have become fashionable in the past few years.

It is time that some of the

MacCOLL IS HOME FROM AMERICA, WHERE HIS LIVELY MIND AND PEN HAVE INTERPRETED BRILLIANTLY THE NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO READERS. TODAY HE BEGINS HIS PERSONAL COLUMN... DATED LONDON

not only to the reporters who were trying to do a routine job of work, but to other users of the highway.

The Earl of Dalkeith's is doubtless an exalted title, and there were famous guests at his wedding. But was he not just another private citizen in a car when the police decided to get into the act?

Surely citizen Dalkeith doesn't really need a carload of coppers to set up roadblocks in his wake?

### FRUMPISH

THE standard of dressing displayed by the women of London depresses me considerably.

Yes, I know that "there is not much money about," and that most women have far more to cope with than they used to have.

But if a woman really wants to make herself presentable she will manage it, whatever the obstacles and discouragements.

Where did this dreadful fashion—if that is the word—come from of wearing floppy snowboots which extend half way up the shin? Sometimes it seems that the whole of London is peopled with a race of booted frumps.

The boots may be desirable in snow or fog—but must they also be sported when the weather is fine?

And why all the head scarves? Since when have the women of this great capital set out to ape Central European peasants?

### WAKE UP, TV

I MISSED Royal Academy President Sir Gerald "Sweetie Pie" Kelly on TV the other night. But to me the impact of British TV since I got back to London a few weeks ago has been about as invigorating as an income tax demand.

Much of the stuff one sees on American screens is inept and rapid—but at least it moves at a great pace. The ring the public throughout "Down You Go" programme by

The panel looks about as relaxed as if it were awaiting a grilling by the NKVD.

But in any case, why must we slavishly copy American ideas on the air?

Surely parlour games are not scarce here in England? Try a good vicarage some time, BBC.

### IGNORANT

EVERY so often I and my erstwhile colleagues of the New York and Washington Press corps were belaboured with the accusation that it was largely our fault that Britain is not better informed about USA.

But I scarcely feel that we can be held responsible for a lack of elementary education.

At dinner the other night a fairly senior member of London University, asked me seriously if Mexico is a dependency of the USA (Mexico has been a fully independent and fiercely proud nation since 1810).

### LAST LEAK?

IT is just possible that the latest "leak" from Washington—about the confidential conversation on the Middle East between Mr. Churchill and Secretary of State Dean Acheson at a private British Embassy dinner party—may turn

talk fast and give the impression of being relaxed?

## Now-TV while they shirk

From RALPH HEWINS: Stockholm. SNOOPING by TV is being introduced into Russian factories. This is being done, says the Russian magazine Literary Gazette, "to bring workahop operations into the manager's view without his having to leave his desk or the workman to leave his bench."

Mass education by TV is also being developed "to serve the Stalin programme for building Communist society."

And big screens are coming into use so that conferences can be held simultaneously in several cities "without busy executives having to make the trip to Moscow for conferences in the Kremlin and elsewhere."

The ultimate aim is "to endow every Russian with TV."

To this end a nationwide TV network is being built up, it is claimed, with three types of apparatus: Mass-produced, inexpensive family sets; big screens for group viewing; and sets for inter-town transmission. The "inexpensive" sets cost from £118 to £225. (About twice the price of TV sets in Britain.)

A screen 15½ ins. by 23½ ins. is being installed in workers' clubs and assembly halls, so that 40 viewers at a time can look in.

And experiments are being made with a screen 35½ ins. by 47 ins. for hotels and hospitals, and one 5½ by 47 ins. for big crowds.

But at present Russia has only about 10,000 sets in all—in Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev. (About one set to every 2,000 people in Russia—against one to every 25 in Britain.)

The range is about 70 miles. A new TV station is being built at Kharkov. But Stalin has a long way to go before his nationwide TV network is complete. The Government paper, Izvestia, admits there are "formidable difficulties."

### ODD, THE THINGS I DO

## Interviewing a cat

By Bernard Wicksteed

London. JUST as I was going for lunch someone in the office said: "Be a good chap and pop up to the BBC. They've got a cat there giving a Press conference."

So I missed my lunch and leaped into a taxi. There wasn't even time to buy a kipper for the cat.

The celebrity that caused this flutter in Fleet Street is a Siamese queen called Tai Lu. (All female cats are queens). She is about to mince on the air in Lionel Gamlin's programme "Hello There."

She has been on TV, and has had two books written about her imaginary adventures. She is also insured for £500 against theft, arson, food poisoning, and accidental motherhood.

CHOOSEY ABOUT FOOD  
Tai Lu, the Siamese queen.

As it happened it was a good job I didn't buy her a kipper, because under the terms of her insurance policy she is not allowed to eat pork or fish with bones in it.

Tai Lu was ushered into the studio in a basket and let out. She took one look at the photographers and mo with my notebook at the ready and dashed off to hide under a grand piano.

Billy Thatcher, her owner and biographer, coaxed her out. He bent down under the piano and made a noise like a mouse.

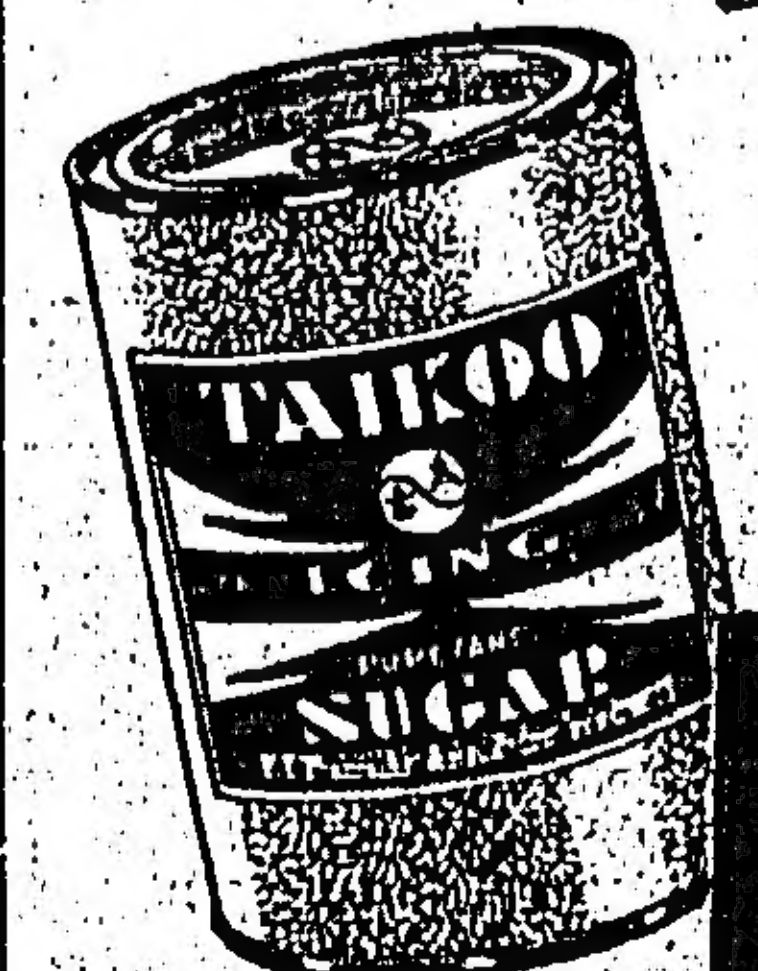
The photographers wanted a picture of her mincing into a microphone, but Tai Lu had other ideas and wouldn't pose. So a publicity man who had arranged the conference went off to the BBC canteen to get some meat. Tai Lu was still choosey.

Eventually someone had the great idea of putting a piece of meat on the mike itself. Like forked lightning the cat grabbed it. Flash, flash went the photographers' bulbs.

Tai Lu was taken out of the studio in her basket and I realised too late that I hadn't asked her a single question. Silly sort of Press conference I call it.

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# RANGERS ARE FAVOURITES FOR THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Celts May Help Them Win The Flag

By JIMMY CARABINE

Rangers are favourites to win the League Championship—and old rivals Celtic may help them to do it. East Fife and Hibs, the two clubs above Rangers at present, visit Celtic Park on the last two Saturdays in March.

And long before then the injured stars Boden, Fallon, Ballie and Walsh are expected to be back in the Parkhead team.

Apart from this, the Ibrox men seem to have an earlier programme than their two rivals.

At present East Fife, with 27 points, hold a one-point lead over Hibs with the same number of games played. But the Celtic club have still to visit Easter Road.

Rangers are two points behind Hibs and three behind the leaders, but have two games in hand of both—and East Fife are due at Ibrox on Saturday week.

### REMAINING FIXTURES

Here are the remaining fixtures of the top three:

East Fife: Home—Aberdeen, Partick Thistle, Airdrie, Celtic, St. Mirren; Away—Hearts, Rangers, Dundee, Third Lanark, Celtic Hibs.

Rangers: Home—East Fife, Falkirk, Clyde, Motherwell, Hearts, Airdrie, Dundee; Away—Dundee, Queen of the South, Partick Thistle, Motherwell.

Hibs: Home—Clyde, Third Lanark, East Fife, Partick Thistle, Raith Rovers; Away—Falkirk, Airdrie, Dundee, St. Mirren, Celtic, Aberdeen.

If all three clubs win their remaining home games and average a point from each of their away matches, Rangers will finish Champions with 44 points. East Fife will total 43 and Hibs 42.

### RELEGATION ZONE

Now to the relegation zone, where any of the bottom nine clubs could take the plunge into B Division. Let's look at the bottom four clubs.

My old club Third Lanark have played 20 games and, with only 13 points, look doomed. Also in great danger are Raith Rovers, Dundee and Hearts.

Raith are only one point behind Dundee with the same number of games played (18). Hearts have a point more than the Dens Park club and two more than the Kirkcaldy club, but they have two games more played. Here are their remaining fixtures:

Hearts: Home—Dundee, Queen of the South, Aberdeen, Raith Rovers, Clyde, East Fife; Away—Celtic, Falkirk, Motherwell, Rangers.

Dundee: Home—Rangers, East Fife, Hibs, Third Lanark, Celtic, Falkirk; Away—Hearts, St. Mirren, Airdrie, Partick Thistle, Queen of the South, Hibs, St. Mirren.

Raith Rovers: Home—Partick Thistle, Clyde, Rangers, Falkirk, Airdrie; Away—Third Lanark, Aberdeen, Motherwell, Hearts, Queen of the South, Hibs, St. Mirren.

Third Lanark: Home—Raith Rovers, Celtic, St. Mirren, East Fife; Away—Motherwell, Hibs, Dundee, Airdrie, Clyde, Partick Thistle.

I have a feeling that Raith Rovers will stay in "A" Division. In the last four matches they have defeated Celtic and Dundee away and at home have beaten Hibs and drawn with East Fife.

Between now and the end of the season, however, there are several "cut throat" matches between the bottom clubs and a lot depends on the results of these. But one of the clubs in the middle of the League at present could come tumbling down and help the others.

It seems easier to pick the clubs who will be promoted. Hamilton and Stirling Albion are "out on their own" at present and should stay there.

But who is going to win the flag? Accies have 32 points to Stirling's 31, but the Annfield club have two games in hand and have still to meet Accies at home. Their programmes:

Stirling Albion: Home—Albion Rovers, Cowdenbeath, Arbroath, Hamilton; Away—Queen's Park, Kilmarnock, Stenhousemuir, St. Johnstone, Dumbarton, Forfar Athletic, Alloa Athletic.

Hamilton: Home—Dundee United, Arbroath, Cowdenbeath, Stenhousemuir; Away—Dumfries Athletic, St. Johnstone, Dumbarton, Kilmarnock, Stirling Albion.

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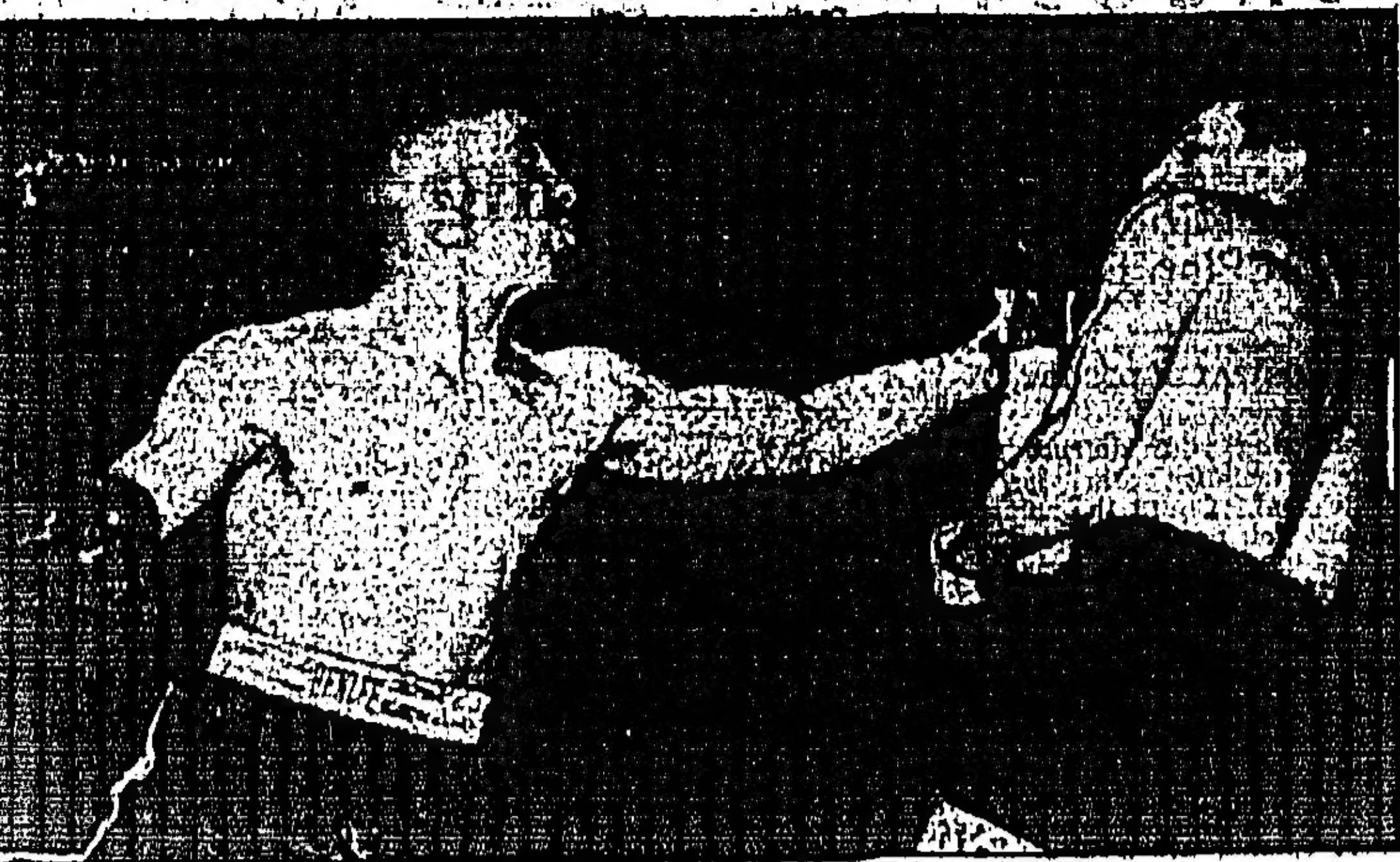
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## THE START OF A "TURPIN SPECIAL"



Danger ahead for Belgian cruiserweight Victor Dhaese (right) as Randolph Turpin prepares to send over a "Turpin special" in the sixth round of their fight at Birmingham.

For most of the fight the British Champion was content to coast along steadily. But this time he meant business. It was a portent of things to come. Within a minute the Belgian was being counted out. —Express Photo.

## GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

# Ankara?—No, No, A Thousand Times No, Say McCarthy's Backers

Sammy McCarthy, one of the very few rising stars in the 1953 boxing firmament, takes time out from greengrocery and gymnasium training to knock an ambitious idea squarely on the head.

Last week came a revival of the suggestion that McCarthy, pending his attempt on the British Featherweight Championship, should stage a grand assault on the Empire title held by Roy Ankarah, picturesquely known to the publicity departments as the Black Flash from Accra.

Here, it was pointed out, was a splendid opportunity for the smiling and unbeaten McCarthy to achieve international status without jeopardising his chance of fighting the winner of the forthcoming Championship meeting between Roanq Clayton and Freddie King—a meeting, incidentally, for which no promotional bids appear yet to have been made.

Ankarah had expressed willingness to risk his Empire crown—all that was needed was an affirmative from the hard-headed businessmen behind McCarthy.

Alas for the best laid schemes of men. Jack King, McCarthy's manager, turns down the whole idea with the bluntest and most forcible of negatives.

"I know this match has been suggested, but my answer is no, a thousand times no," he tells me.

"McCarthy will not be fighting Ankarah in 1953, or 1954. If we were offered £5,000 for the match this minute, the answer would still be no.

"Why should McCarthy be messed and shoved about by Ankarah? Let those who want it have it. Our aim is the British Championship match against either Clayton or King, both of whom Sammy has beaten in overweight matches.

"We plan a fight a month until McCarthy gets his title chance. He meets Eugene Servais of Belgium, at the Seymour Hall on February 3, and has other engagements at the Albert Hall on February 24 and at Earls Court on March 17.

That's that.

"The March fight may well be something out of the ordinary, but rest assured that the opponent will not be Ankarah."

And that seems to be that. Personally, I think Ankarah's shortcomings were sufficiently exposed by the left hand of Frenchman Ray Farnham last year to suggest that McCarthy would not come to any great harm against him.

Nevertheless, I see manager King's point. Sammy McCarthy shows every sign of becoming a wealthy young boxer—without being exposed to those highly charged electric coils that serve Ankarah as arms and legs.

THAT RECORD

Remarks here on Brighton and Hove's "record" of 11 FA Cup-ties between October and March, 1952-53, have inspired reminders of other soccer marathons.

Mr David R. Myddleton (Henley-on-Thames) writes: "In the 1950-51 Cup series, Bristol Rovers also had to play 11 games, but these they completed between November 25 and the end of February.

"They played three matches with Llanelli, three with Gilling-

ham, one each with Aldershot, Luton and Hull, and two with Newcastle, the ultimate Cup winners."

COMMENT: Eleven games in six rounds is a jolly good show. But Brighton got into their ninth round with the same number of games.

### BIAS AGAINST BOWLS?

How much would history have been altered had the bowls authorities at Plymouth Hoe put up their green fees to Sir Francis Drake?

Hell hath no fury like a bowls player overcharged, and it seems that Escher Council (Surrey) are defeating their own financial object by seeking inflated fees for the local green.

They have increased season tickets from £2 to £3, and the hourly charge from 8d. to 1s. 3d. As a result, Escher Bowling Club, winners of the Surrey triples last season, can no longer afford to perform or entertain opponents on the local green.

"Bowls is played mostly by elderly men. Retired men living on small pensions are having to forfeit their pleasure because of this disgusting increase," says secretary A. R. Teggie.

A 25 per cent drop in membership, plus the probable cancellation of many of next season's fixtures, are part of the burden imposed by the new charges.

### MATHIAS MATCHED

Bob Mathias, that sandy-haired Californian medical student, who won the Olympic Decathlon for the United States in London and Helsinki, is being invited to match his athletic versatility in a two-day meeting in India—competing against that country's best individuals in the 10 events that make up the Olympic decathlon.

Indian athletic experts reckon that 22-year-old Mathias, whose 7,887 points in Finland set a new world record last year, would win by about 200 points.

In England, in similar circumstances, he would probably lose by at least the same margin, however well he performed in the field events.

(London Express Service)

# 'CHASING SIRE'S BECOME FAMOUS ONLY WHEN DEAD

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The successful 'chasing' sire is indeed a forlorn creature. He is either dead or in the last stages of his life when he becomes famous, and his success brings no profit to his owner, who may have been persevering with him for years.

There is no way of forecasting a successful 'chasing' sire, though the successful ones occupy the stage for a long time once they arrive. Thus we had the era of My Prince, which produced the Grand National winners, Royal Mail and Reynoldstown.

Then came the Cottage era, and then the Steel Point era, brought to the fore by Freebooter. Steel Point was born 30 years ago this year. He is still a force though he is dead.

The success of Whispering Steel at Sandown on Saturday took him into second place in the sire's list.

Further, he is likely to be to the fore for many years to come as Whispering Steel is only eight, and Freebooter's younger brother, Free Lancer, is only seven.

The present champion sire under National Hunt rules, Factorius, was a purely flat race horse, bred by Haras, and was trained by the late Matthew Peacock at Middleham.

### TOP CLASS

He was a top-class mile handicapper, and when he went to Ireland to stand at a fee of £40 nobody could have foreseen the success of his offspring under National Hunt rules.

But his position this year is no fluke, for he was highly successful last year in Ireland, where his progeny won nine races under National Hunt rules.

Only his Reverence and Whispy Bay produced more winners in Ireland. He is now rising 18, but this is young as 'chasing sires' go.

One of his most promising offspring is Roco Park, who has already reached the top as a two-mile 'chaser, and efforts are now being made to train him over a longer distance.

Court Nez is third in the list, but his success is entirely due to the winnings of Halloween, his only winner. He is a son of Gold Cup winner, Bosworth, and is one of the few successful National Hunt sires standing in England.

But can the sire of only one winner be called really successful? He is young as 'chasing sires' go, rising 15 this year, and his owner may at least be able to capitalise this success for a few years to come.

The 1931 Cesarwitch winner, Noble Star, born in 1927 and now dead, is enjoying his most successful year. His offspring have won more races so far than any other sire under these rules.

As Wenceslaus and Cradwell are only young as 'chasers' go, Noble Star's name should appear in the winning lists for many years to come.

## Athletic Records

### Ratified

London, Jan. 28. The International Athletic Federation today recognised 32 new world's track and field records, including seven by United States athletes and 14 which were established in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

In addition, the Federation also recognised 20 new Olympic marks. The new records which were achieved by Americans included the spectacular decathlon performance of Bob Mathias of Tulare, California, who piled up 7,887 points in the ten events at Helsinki. —United Press.

## Death Follows Boxing Match

Exeter, Jan. 29.

A national serviceman, Private J. Latham, of Leyton, London, died in hospital at Exeter today after taking part in the REME Southwestern District Individual Boxing Championships last night.

Private Latham, who is serving with the REME Basic Training Battalion at Taunton, fought in a lightweight contest against another Londoner, Private Nagle, of the same battalion.

The fight went the full distance of three 3-minute rounds, Nagle being on top all the time and landing some heavy body blows.

After Nagle was declared the points winner, Latham climbed out of the ring unaided, but collapsed in his second arm as he was entering the dressing room. —Reuter.

## NINE DRAGONS DARTS, TABLE TENNIS FINALS

The finals of the December January Darts and Table Tennis Competitions organised by the Nine Dragons Services Club were played off at the club yesterday.

The Darts Competition was won by 55 Field Squadron R.A.S.C. who beat their opponents, 50 Squadron R.A.S.C. 4-2, while three Chinese drivers of 55 Company R.A.S.C. beat the 55 Medium Battery R.A. 4-0 in the Table Tennis Competition.

Following the matches Mrs Odling, wife of the Commanding Officer of the 72 L.A.A. Regiment R.A., Lieut. Col. W. Odling, OBE, MC, distributed the trophies to the lucky winners.

The winning teams were: Darts—55 Field Squadron R.A.S.C.; Table Tennis—55 Field Squadron R.A.S.C.

Units are reminded that the closing date for the February Competitions is Saturday, January 31.

## Practice Sessions For Interport Hockey Teams

The 25 players who have been selected to represent Hong Kong in the annual Interport Hockey games against Macao, are advised that practice have been arranged for Wednesday, February 4, Friday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 11, at 5.15 p.m. at Soekunpo. All concerned are requested to attend these practice sessions.



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Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

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Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 6th Floor.

A limited number of tiffls will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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"AUTOMEDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	23rd Feb.	
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"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.	
"MENTOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.	
"ALCINOUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th Mar.	

Scheduled Sailings from Europe			
G. "AUTOMEDON"	Sailed	—	Arrives Hong Kong
S. "ATREUS"	Sailed	—	In Port
G. "PELEUS"	Sailed	—	15th Feb.
S. "MENTOR"	Sailed	—	22nd Feb.
G. "ALCINOUS"	Sailed	—	4th Mar.
S. "ANTICLOUS"	3rd Feb.	13th Feb.	10th Mar.
S. "PATROCLOS"	8th Feb.	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	18th Feb.	—	25th Mar.

G. Loading Glasgow, before Liverpool. S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool. Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load & discharge cargo.

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"HAINAN"	17th Feb.
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"DONA NATI"	4th Feb.
"AJAX"	18th Feb.

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H.K./Haiphong (DC-3)	8.45 a.m. Thurs.	4.15 p.m. Thurs.
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# BEN LINE

## ARRIVALS

FROM	DATE
"BENMHOR"	4th Feb.
"BENCRUACHAN"	10th Feb.
"BENALDER"	14th Feb.
"BENATTOW"	19th Feb.
"BENLEDI"	3rd Mar.
"BENCLEUCH"	5th Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"	14th Mar.

## SAILINGS

TO	DATE
"BENMHOR"	7th Feb.
"BENCRUACHAN"	11th Feb.
"BENALDER"	17th Feb.
"BENATTOW"	20th Feb.
"BENLEDI"	7th Mar.
"BENCLEUCH"	8th Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"	18th Mar.

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## NOTICE

## THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

## Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 27th day of February, 1953, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 13th of February to Friday, the 27th of February, 1953, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1953.

## NOTICE

## CABLE AND WIRELESS, LTD.

Owing to subnormal radio conditions delay may be expected for the next few days on telegrams from the United Kingdom and Europe, particularly LT category.

# CASPIAN FISHERIES ISSUE

Tehran, Jan. 29. The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Sadchikov, called on Premier Mohammed Mossadeq today and was told of the Government's decision not to extend the Soviet Union's 25-year-old fishing concession in the Caspian Sea, which is due to expire on Friday.

The newspaper Hietel said the Russians, in submitting a proposal on the future of the concession, had suggested a 10-year agreement for the exchange of many products.

Other newspapers said a recommendation of the Majlis today advised the Government to take over the fisheries before entering into new agreements.

The pro-Government Bakhtar Emrouz hoped the fisheries question would be settled with goodwill on both sides.

It noted that the oil question had remained in Persia "plunging herself against the intrigues of the Western Powers" and expressed appreciation at the way Russia had discharged her obligations under the fisheries agreement.

It added, "as one Eastern nation to another, Russia would put no obstacles in Persia's way."

—Reuter.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"CHANGHUA"  
arrd. 28th January, 1953.

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Galtard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf, Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 2nd February and Tuesday, 3rd February, 1953, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during survey.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "AUTOMEDON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and Noon on February 2nd and 3rd, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1953.

# Prison Demanded For Woman

Bonn, Jan. 29. The prosecution today demanded six years' imprisonment for a former German actress accused of spying in West Germany for Communist Poland.

Terms of six months to four years were sought for three alleged accomplices, employees of the Frankfurt Police Department.

The prosecution asserted that the chief defendant, 46-year-old Maria Anna Krieth, had confessed delivering to the Soviet intelligence service in Berlin information which endangered the West German Republic and Western defence forces.

Her four-day trial was the first post-war espionage case to be heard by a West German court. Many others have been decided by Allied judges.

Mrs. Krieth, whose stage career was ruined by air-raid wounds, was trapped by Allied agents while allegedly receiving money from her Communist employers. At her trial, most of which was conducted behind closed doors, she testified from an invalid's chair.

Sentencing is due tomorrow afternoon.

A four-year sentence was asked for Mrs. Krieth's alleged chief accomplice, respected Hermann Westfeld, 38, former Secretary of the Frankfurt Police Department, who was charged with supplying Mrs. Krieth with blank passports and information on police organisations.

Eight months was asked for Marianne Opelt, 54, and six for Heinz Fach, 28, minor employees of the Frankfurt police. They claimed they were innocent tools. — Associated Press.

## DANE TO HEAD COMMITTEE

London, Jan. 29. The Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. Ole Krarup, accepted London today the Hon. Presidency of the Atlantic Council, unofficial body set up last September to publicise the aims and objects of the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Krarup is this year's Chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's Ministerial Council. — Reuter.

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"CARTHAGE"	8th February	2nd April

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"CORFU"	11th February	11th March
"CHUSAN"	21st February	22nd March
"CANTON"	12th March	12th April
"CARTHAGE"	5th April	5th May

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## FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards From U.K.	Due	For
"TREVETHOE"	11th February	Japan
"SURAT"	14th February	Japan
Homewards	Sails	For
"SHILLONG"	21st February	Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

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"ORDIA"	due 6th Feb.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore for Japan
"OLINDA"	sails 7th Feb.	for Japan
	sails 12th Feb.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore for Japan
"OBRA"	sails 13th Feb.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kuwait, Khartoum, Basrah & Port Gulf Ports via Bombay

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# FRENCH OPERATION CONCLUDED

Hanoi, Jan. 29. The provisional list of casualties inflicted on the enemy during "Operation Normandie", led by General Cugny, was given today as 63 killed and 11 prisoners.

In addition about 20 Vietnamese suspects were arrested and are being interrogated.

The operation was conducted against the Vietnamese 42nd Regiment, which has been operating for some time to the North-East of Hanoi.

Elements of this regiment blew up the post of Phumy a few days ago.

On the evening of the second day of the operation, Franco-Vietnamese elements encountered strong resistance, especially in the village of Anou, which was particularly well fortified, as well as at the entrance to the village of Kimhuc.

Bitter fighting took place and tanks fired more than 800 shells. Strong rebel resistance and bad weather, however, held up the Franco-Vietnamese action.

During the night, regular Vietnamese forces slipped southwards and probably crossed the Bamboo Canal.

The village of Anou was one of the many bases of the 42nd Regiment in this region.

At the end of the operation more than 60 kilograms of documents were captured in the village—Franco-Press.

## Pontiff Improving

Vatican City, Jan. 29. The general improvement in Pope Pius XII's condition after his attack of influenza continued today, slowly and satisfactorily, an official bulletin reported. — Reuter.



## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"TRY-HILL" Feb. 2	Feb. 2	Japan
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Yokohama & Kobe
"VIETNAM" Mar. 14	Mar. 15	Yokohama & Kobe
<b>Homeward For</b>		
"DREST" Feb. 7	Feb. 8	N. Africa & Europe
"TRY-HILL" Feb. 10	Feb. 11	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Mar. 2	Mar. 3	Marseilles via Manila
"VIETNAM" Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Marseilles via Manila

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## "STAR ALCYONE"

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## TAIPEI'S APPEAL TO JAPAN

Taipei, Jan. 29. Mr. K. Y. Yin, Director of Central Trust and the Taiwan Provincial Supply Board, appealed to Japan yesterday in view of the latter's intention to raise the consumption tax on brown sugar from Taiwan.

News of the Japanese tax increase caused much concern to Nationalist officials as the sale of Taiwan brown sugar has been the Nationalist Government's largest source of foreign exchange.

Mr. Yin appealed to Japan to exercise forbearance in trading with Nationalist China. He said that by forcing the price of Taiwan sugar down below its cost, Japan would eventually find the trade volume of the two countries decreasing.

The consequence would not be to the best interest of the Japanese, Mr. Yin declared. —France-Press.

## London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 29. Gold shares lifted on the London Stock Exchange today but eased later on profit-taking. Coppers and diamonds were briefly active but both closed generally unchanged. German bonds improved but Japanese declined. Shipping issues generally gained. Japanese bonds (44 of 1953) 90 1/2 (44 of 1954) 71 1/2 (44 of 1955) 71 1/2 (44 of 1956) 71 1/2 (44 of 1957) 71 1/2 (44 of 1958) 71 1/2 (44 of 1959) 71 1/2 (44 of 1960) 71 1/2 (44 of 1961) 71 1/2 (44 of 1962) 71 1/2 (44 of 1963) 71 1/2 (44 of 1964) 71 1/2 (44 of 1965) 71 1/2 (44 of 1966) 71 1/2 (44 of 1967) 71 1/2 (44 of 1968) 71 1/2 (44 of 1969) 71 1/2 (44 of 1970) 71 1/2 (44 of 1971) 71 1/2 (44 of 1972) 71 1/2 (44 of 1973) 71 1/2 (44 of 1974) 71 1/2 (44 of 1975) 71 1/2 (44 of 1976) 71 1/2 (44 of 1977) 71 1/2 (44 of 1978) 71 1/2 (44 of 1979) 71 1/2 (44 of 1980) 71 1/2 (44 of 1981) 71 1/2 (44 of 1982) 71 1/2 (44 of 1983) 71 1/2 (44 of 1984) 71 1/2 (44 of 1985) 71 1/2 (44 of 1986) 71 1/2 (44 of 1987) 71 1/2 (44 of 1988) 71 1/2 (44 of 1989) 71 1/2 (44 of 1990) 71 1/2 (44 of 1991) 71 1/2 (44 of 1992) 71 1/2 (44 of 1993) 71 1/2 (44 of 1994) 71 1/2 (44 of 1995) 71 1/2 (44 of 1996) 71 1/2 (44 of 1997) 71 1/2 (44 of 1998) 71 1/2 (44 of 1999) 71 1/2 (44 of 2000) 71 1/2 (44 of 2001) 71 1/2 (44 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## BRITISH COTTON TRADERS FRUSTRATED

Cairo, Jan. 29.  
British traders in Egypt show alarm at the present trend of business in that country. Owing to the failure of Egypt to sell cotton in the sterling area, British-Egyptian trade is almost at a standstill.

A British Embassy spokesman admitted that strong representations have been made by the British Chamber of Commerce in Egypt, for the adoption of a policy that would enable trade to flow again.

This official pointed out that the fact of the matter is that Egypt has no Sterling available for anything but essential goods, and he thought it doubtful if they even have enough Sterling to meet these essential needs.

The Egyptian government has approximately £16,000,000 in their Free Account. Of this, he pointed out, about £7,000,000 has been allocated for tea, an essential article of diet for the fellahs.

In addition to this, about £10,000,000 is needed for essential petroleum products, so even on these two essential items, there is not enough to go round.

**ACTION UNLIKELY**  
Asked if the British government was likely to "unfreeze" more Sterling to Egypt, the official said that although there is roughly £104,000,000 in Egypt's blocked Sterling account, it was unlikely that any of this would be made available this year.

He pointed out that in "unfreezing" Sterling, the point of view of other countries with "frozen" Sterling must be reckoned with. Many of them are pleading for more free Sterling, and advances to Egypt would be looked on as preferential treatment.

He emphasized that the whole problem rests on Egypt's ability to sell her cotton, on which her economy largely rests.

Britain's position in this matter is that she has in hand, still lying in the docks in Britain, large quantities of Egyptian cotton bought in 1950/51, when prices were three times as much as today.

He also pointed out that traders in Britain wanted to buy in the cheapest markets, and Egypt's cotton is 30 percent higher than current world prices.—United Press.

## FLU EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 29.  
America today officially admitted it had an influenza epidemic as flu and pneumonia deaths increased in all parts except New England.

The Public Health Service said deaths reported from 149 cities for the three weeks ending January 24 had been about 11,300 each week.

A spokesman said this was about ten per cent above the three-year average.—Reuter.

## THE POINT AT ISSUE

London, Jan. 29.  
A Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on press reports from Cairo and Khartoum on the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, said today: "The main point at issue now is whether the Sudanese Parliament will be able to express a view on certain matters of close concern to the Sudanese, particularly safeguarding the South and completion of Sudanization." —United Press.

## Cairo Conference

Cairo, Jan. 29.  
The Egyptian Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, today conferred for an hour with the Soviet Minister in Cairo, Mr. Y. P. Kovrov. The subject of discussion has not been disclosed.—Reuter.

## Leaves Iron Lung To Give Birth



## Purges Throw European Communists Into Confusion

London, Jan. 29.  
Communist parties in Western Europe have been thrown into utter confusion by the latest purges in Moscow and Berlin and are lying low to await the "new line" from their Kremlin masters, authoritative sources disclosed.

Both the Kremlin plot and the East German purge have taken Communist leaders in Western Europe completely by surprise.

The failure of the Kremlin to provide them with a new lead has left European Communist bosses and their aides apparently in the dark on the course they are expected to take.

But Communists in Europe anticipate a thorough purge in their own ranks in the months to come which might change the face of many a party in the near future.

In London the Communist Daily Worker gave part of the game away by asserting halfheartedly that British Communists were not really "disturbed" by the latest Soviet moves.

Two chief elements appear, above all, to puzzle European Communists and to frighten them.

1.—The anti-Semitic line in the latest purges.

2.—Whether a new ideological fight lies behind the latest moves.

**HAVING IMPACT**  
The anti-Semitic line is, according to the latest indications, already beginning to have its impact on the parties in Western Europe.

The Daily Worker has found it necessary, for the first time since the issue arose, to emphasize the equality of Communist members, stressing that "every Communist Party member—Gentile and Jew alike—must remain at his post; but it clearly refrained from any elaboration on this delicate topic.

If an ideological fight lies behind the purges they are even more worried because neither its nature nor the winning side has so far emerged. The notorious Stalin-Trotsky feud has taught Communist leaders to be careful in their choice if they want to survive.

Communist leaders were said here to be finding it embarrassing and increasingly difficult in Western European capitals to explain away the obvious anti-Jewish line of the Kremlin after Communism had paraded as the champion of anti-racism and as the protector of Jews.

They were said to be "strangely non-committal" towards their own followers, apparently awaiting instructions as to how their Jewish "comrades" are to be dealt with in the future.

Nevertheless, authoritative informants ascertained, they are already increasingly worried about the effect of the latest development on the parties and their membership.

Again, the London Daily Worker gave away some of the show by boasting that, contrary to reports, the membership of the Communist parties is still increasing. But in actual fact the membership of European Communist parties has been steadily falling since 1946.

partly as a result of repeated purges in recent years and partly as a result of receding Communism in Europe.

According to official investigations West European Communist

## COURT ACTION OVER LOAN NOTE

### No Binding Agreement On Client Argues Counsel

The contention that there was no agreement binding on his client and that the evidence given by the plaintiff showed that the case "was utterly misconstrued from the beginning" was put forward by Defence Counsel in a claim for \$11,483.78 heard at the Supreme Court this morning before Mr Justice E. H. Williams.

The sum in question formed the balance of a loan for \$18,000 on a Chinese borrowing note, which plaintiff claimed had been guaranteed by the defendant.

Plaintiff is Ng Ching-pan, alias Ng Yuck, merchant, of 63 Connors Road, Central, who is represented by Mr A.J. Clifford, instructed by Mr P.A.L. Vine of Deacons.

Mr B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M.E. Ives, of Wilkinson and Grist, is appearing on behalf of the defendant, Chan Shue-chuen, merchant, care of the Hongkong Ice Cream Factory, 74 Wai Ching Street, Kowloon.

Judgment had already been obtained against Tong Tai-sun, merchant, of Honam, Canton, who was the borrower of the \$18,000.

Plaintiff claimed that on November 20, 1948, at the request of the defendant, he lent the money to Tong on the security of 91 bales of woolen waste.

The fulfilment of the terms of the borrowing note, he further claimed, was guaranteed by the defendant who signed the document as guarantor.

Tong later failed to pay back the money, and the goods were sold by public auction and \$10,500 was realised.

This morning, Mr Bernacchi, in opening the case for the defence, told the Court that he was not calling his client to give evidence.

**SUBMISSIONS**  
In his submissions, Counsel said the pleading of consideration in the statement of claim had been expressly negated by the plaintiff in his evidence.

It followed that the agreement, if not enforced against his client, should not be enforced against the defendant.

After quoting from a legal authority in support of his contention, Mr Bernacchi said it transpired on the plaintiff's own evidence that the second document produced in Court was regarded by him as an additional security.

The original note, he said, was still very much alive.

Mr Bernacchi went on to say that on the plaintiff's case, the position was this: he already had a defendant as principal debtor. Afterwards, he obtained this additional security.

The plaintiff maintained throughout his evidence that he regarded the defendant as the principal debtor. Therefore, he said, Counsel, on his own case, the defendant could be sued at any time as a principal debtor, whereas on the case as put forward in Court—not only on the statement of claim, but also on the writ itself—the plaintiff referred to the defendant as a guarantor to the debt.

**MISCONCEIVED**  
Mr Bernacchi stated further that, in other words, on the evidence plaintiff chose to give from the witness box, the case was utterly misconceived from the beginning.

Turning to another point in the case, Counsel said that on the document there was a provision made as to what was to happen if there was no repayment of the loan. Thus, having sold the woolen goods which had been given him as security, the plaintiff had exhausted the agreement.

The contract, he went on, contained within itself the elements of its own discharge.

Counsel submitted that there was no agreement, therefore, binding on the defendant whereby he was liable to pay back the loan. He submitted further that no case had been made out in the statement of claim in this connection.

The agreement, insofar as it affected his client, was also too vague to be enforceable, he stated.

Hearing is proceeding.

## INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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